

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in nine shellfish propagation waters located in Middlesex County, Virginia.

The impaired waters are as follows:

Shellfish Growing Area 31: Locklies Creek (one segment) and Mill Creek (one segment)

Shellfish Growing Area 32: Sturgeons Creek (one segment) and Bush Park Creek (one segment)

Shellfish Growing Area 33: Broad Creek (one segment) and Jackson Creek (two segments)

Shellfish Growing Area 35: Piankatank River (one segment) and Harpers Creek (one segment)

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

This will be the second public meeting for this TMDL. The first public meeting, to provide information and solicit participation of citizens and local government in the development of the fecal coliform TMDL's was held on June 2, 2005. This second public meeting will present the results of the TMDL study and solicit public comments on the draft TMDL report. Copies of this report are available from the DEQ TMDL Program website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/>. The public meeting will be held on November 21,

2005 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Deltaville Community Association Building 17147 General Puller Highway, Deltaville, Virginia. Directions can be obtained by calling Chester Bigelow at (804) 698-4554.

The public comment period will begin on November 22, 2005, and end on December 21, 2005. Questions, comments, or requests for additional information should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments or request.

Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or e-mail [ccbigelow@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:cbigelow@deq.virginia.gov).